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EC Liason: Barbara Arnold-Feret

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Main Contact</u>
ARIZONA	
ARKANSAS	Neal Pendergrass President; Bill Strohm Councilor
CENTRAL TEXAS	Domingo Auces
GULF SOUTH CENTRAL	Naresh Alle
LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY	Oscar Garcia
NORTH TEXAS	Barbara Arnold-Feret
OKLAHOMA CITY	Anthony Gerardi
PRODUCT DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT	Bill Tobin
RIO GRANDE	
SECTIONS COMMITTEE	Roger Corneliusen
SOUTH TEXAS	Raymond Johannessen
STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE	Tim Weston
TEX-LA-GULF	Richard C. Wagner
MARKETING & MANAGEMENT	Dick Cameron

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**EC Liason: Bill O'Connell**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>
ANTEC OPERATING COMMITTEE	Sal Monte
ANTEC TECHNICAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE	Austin Reid
BYLAWS & POLICIES COMMITTEE	Kishor Mehta
EASTERN NEW ENGLAND	Stephen Keaney - Ken Desilets
FELLOWS SELECTION COMMITTEE	Mark Spalding
FLEXIBLE PACKAGING	German Laverde- Wayne Moras
HONORED SERVICE SELECTIONS COMMITTEE	Chris Irwin

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ANNUAL AWARDS COMMITTEE	Tom Haas
PIONEER VALLEY	Mike Sansoucy - Steve Gilvar
POLYMER MODIFIERS & ADDITIVES	Ronald Becker

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**EC Liason: Bill Smith**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>
AUTOMOTIVE	Monica Prokopyshen - Nappani Rao
COLUMBIA RIVER	Mark Milligan
DETROIT	Thomas Miller
KOREA	Kil-Yeong Choi
MISSISSIPPI	John Phillips
SEMINARS COMMITTEE	Rakesh Gupta
SOUTHERN	Philip Jacoby - Ben Blanchard
TENNESSEE VALLEY	Anthony McClain - Nathan Prey
TOLEDO	Tom Lucius
VINYL PLASTICS	Hanna Olszowy - Bill Arendt

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**EC Liason: Dan Cykana**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>
ENGINEERING PROPERTIES & STRUCTURE	Shriram Bagrodia
GREAT SALT LAKE	Brent Strong
HONG KONG	Frederick Law
LEHIGH VALLEY	John Gardiner
MILWAUKEE	Larry Davis
MOLD MAKING & MOLD DESIGN	Scott Peters
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	John Szary
SUSQUEHANNA	Brian Edmundson
THERMOPLASTIC MATERIALS & FOAMS	Thaddeus Klimek

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**EC Liason: Hector Dilan**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE	John Ratzlaff
BRAZIL	Ernst Spieth
CARIBBEAN	Carlos Maymi
ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC	Vaman Kulkarni
FELLOWS PROGRAM TASK FORCE	Austin Reid
INJECTION MOLDING	Brad Johnson
JOINING OF PLASTICS AND COMPOSITES	Bobbye Baylis
MEXICO CITY	
PROCESS MONITORING & CONTROL	David O. Kazmer
THERMOSET	Paul Gramann

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**EC Liason: John Szymankiewicz**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>
CENTRAL FLORIDA	Charles Beatty
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE	Sandy Davis
DECORATING & ASSEMBLY	Ralph Starkey
FAILURE ANALYSIS AND PREVENTION	Donald Duvall
FINANCE COMMITTEE	John Szymankiewicz
MEDICAL PLASTICS	John Szymankiewicz
NEW TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE	P. Mukhopadhyay
NORTH AMERICAN RADIATION PROCESSING	David R. Kerluke
ONTARIO	Paul Waller
RADIATION PROCESSING OF POLYMERS (EUROPE)	
SOUTH FLORIDA	Blaine Priebe
TOTAL QUALITY	
WEST VIRGINIA SOUTHEASTERN OHIO	Rakesh Gupta

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**EC Liason: Karen Winkler**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>
CLEVELAND	Brian Sarvas
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE	TBD
CORPORATE OUTREACH	
INDUSTRY LIAISON COMMITTEE	
MID MICHIGAN	Russell Peters
PAST PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY BOARD	
SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND	Allen J. Costa
SPE FOUNDATION	Karen Winkler
TECHNICAL ADVISORY BOARD	Peter Bemis
WESTERN NEW ENGLAND	Gregory Prentiss

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**EC Liason: Ken Braney**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE	John Ratzlaff
ADDITIVES & COLOR EUROPE	Luc Van Aken
BENELUX	Fred Tassie
CENTRAL EUROPE	Klaus-Dieter Johnke
EUROPEAN COORDINATION COMMITTEE	Bernhardt Peters
EUROPEAN THERMOFORMING	Ken Braney - Kitty Beijer
FRANCE	Jean-Paul Bauchel
ISRAEL	Sam Kenig
ITALY	Pino Accomazzi - Romeo Cociancich
PORTUGAL	Joaquim Menezes
RAPID DESIGN, ENG. & MOLDBAKING (EUROPE)	Stephanie Morvan
SCANDINAVIA	Johan Becker
THERMOFORMING	Roger Kipp
TURKEY (In Formation)	Yusef menceloglu
UNITED KINGDOM & IRELAND	Peter Farren

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EUROPEAN MEDICAL POLYMERS	Gerry McNally
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**EC Liason: Len Czuba**

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BUFFALO	Timothy Schwab
CENTRAL INDIANA	Perry Harwood
NANO/MICRO MOLDING	Dan Buckley
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	Len Czuba
NORTHERN INDIANA	Gerald Begue
PERFORMANCE & COMPENSATION SUBCOMMITTEE	
ROCK VALLEY	Peter Ducato
ROTATIONAL MOLDING	Larry Schneider
SAINT LOUIS	
SOUTH BEND	Dave Demel
TRI-STATE	Deavron Farmer
WESTERN MICHIGAN	Robert Thompson
OTHER	

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**EC Liason: Paul Andersen**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>
BINGHAMTON-SCRANTON	Robert L. Eck
CONNECTICUT	Joseph Romanauskas
DIVISIONS COMMITTEE	Bill Arendt
EXTRUSION	Stephen Derezinski - Mark Spalding
HUDSON-MOHAWK	
MIAMI VALLEY	Frank Maus
MID-HUDSON	
NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA	Francis Czulewicz
OHIO FIRELANDS	Anthony Rump
PACIFIC NORTHWEST	Kevin Gaw
PLASTICS ENVIRONMENTAL	Michael Montpetit
QUEBEC	Paul Browitt

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**EC Liason: Russell Broome**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON	Clif Fleenor
CAROLINAS	Frederick Phillips
COLOR & APPEARANCE	Robert Trinklein
COMPOSITES	Dale Grove
EDUCATIONS AWARDS COMMITTEE	Jack Hill
KENTUCKIANA	Dennis Cowhig
PHILADELPHIA	Joe Sarver
PIEDMONT COASTAL	Karl Westfall
SMOKY MOUNTAIN	Brian West
TN-VA-HOLSTON VALLEY	
VIRGINIA	Lloyd Pollock

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**EC Liason: Sam McCord**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>
BARTLESVILLE-TULSA	Jay Chaffin
CHICAGO	Joseph Fitzgerald
GOLDEN GATE	Eric Appelblom
IOWA	Roger Womack
KANSAS CITY	Christopher Clute
MARKETING & MANAGEMENT	Dick Cameron
NEBRASKA	Jay Van Roy
PUBLICATIONS & EDITORIAL BOARD	Ernie Coleman
ROCKY MOUNTAIN	Ray Hauser
UPPER MIDWEST	Dave Erickson
WICHITA	Mike Burke

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**EC Liason: Tim Womer**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>
AKRON	Lloyd Goettler
BLOW MOLDING	Ronald Puvak
CENTRAL OHIO	Dave Mullinex/John Gibson
COUNCIL	
COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE	Jim Griffing
INDIA	Rajesh Wadhwa
JAPAN	Shin-Ichi Izawa
PITTSBURGH	Dick Cameron
PLASTIC PIPE & FITTINGS	

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**EC Liason: Vicki Flaris**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>
ALLOYS AND BLENDS	Omar Boutni
APPLIED RHEOLOGY	Kalman Migler
AUSTRALIA – NEW ZEALAND	Margaret Jollands
NEW YORK	Dahlia Halpern
NEWARK	Jack Ryan
PALISADES	Brian Gibson
PLASTICS EDUCATORS	Nicole Hoekstra
POLYMER ANALYSIS	William Orts
ROCHESTER	Michael McDermott
TAIWAN	
THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMERS	Reza Sadeghi

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**Staff Liason: Tobi Gebauer**

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Main Contact</b>
MEMBERSHIP GROWTH TASK FORCE	

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Update from old AZ board member and former newsletter editor - section died when the former councilor passed away, should probably be classed as abandoned. No interest in meetings due to the large spread of geography.
Financials have not been filed as of 9-7, however, the section is operating and having a golf outing on 9-19. New President Neal Pendergrass and Councilor Bill Strohm (past pres.), but having trouble filling the rest of board. Newsletter coming out this month, struggling to have attendance at meetings.
Concern about 2009 ANTEC, having a hard time getting members to meetings, geography spread makes meetings tough for members
Difficulty getting the board positions filled, paperwork filed, and program planning done. No meetings scheduled so far. May be candidate for merger.
Annual mini-tech conference on the campus of Texas State Technical College in Harlingen, Texas attended by 74 people from academia and industry. The presentations were done in English and Spanish. Attempting to get PlastiVan for HESTEC (Hispanic Engineering Week) at UT-Pan American in Edinburg for 4 days. Joint mtg. in Oct. with SME. Working on budgeting process.
Has asked to include the defunct TEXARK section in geographic coverage, also getting a student section up and going at Skyline. Golf outing drawing over 110 people. PlastiVan targeted for 2007 due to cost and timing of finding funds.
<b>Merging with Tulsa</b>
Joint TOPCON for March with IMD, transitioning to a web newsletter, having some difficulty implementing forward looking strategy, getting committee leadership and accountability
Not functioning, please remove from list
Opening discussions on sunseting sections, strategic options for future, leadership stance, etc.
Poly-Olefins continues to rock! Taking over TX.LA/Gulf, section well run and organized. Sections has two meeting methods, traditional meetings and a breakfast brunch.
First face to face meeting of this committee at Council in Sept.
<b>Merging with South TX, scholarship endowment proceding</b>
Reporting per request of Sam McCord - mini-tech registration not as robust as hoped. Recruiting for board and leadership. Section meeting at Council time has 6 to 8 members attending the remainder are councilors.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plastics Encounter joins forces with SPE to broaden exhibitor participation and show attendance at ANTEC</li><li>• Proposed segment addition to WRITE NOW to include questionnaire titled AUTHOR'S DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION being considered for ANTEC 2008.</li><li>• A survey was deployed to over 15,000 members who did not attend ANTEC 2006 soliciting their feedback on various ANTEC-related topics in mid-July. Results will be reviewed during the Pittsburgh Committee Meeting.</li><li>• The Committee will be working on its Operating Plan goal of reviewing the efficacy of the ANTEC GOC system at the Pittsburgh meeting.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ANTEC 2007 TPCs are in the process of being trained on processes, procedures and their roles via several online workshops.</li><li>• The Committee has selected its nominee for ANTEC 2009 TPC: Greg McKenna</li><li>• Robert Portnoy is spearheading the effort to select and secure a Technical Plenary Speaker for ANTEC 2007</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recommended Bylaws changes to restore the Honored Service Member Election Committee and the Fellows Election Committee to the status of Standing Committees have been prepared for first reading in Pittsburg.</li><li>• Several Policies on SPE Governance have been prepared for a Council vote in Pittsburg</li></ul>
<p>The committee is working to recruit a ninth member this month</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FlexPackCon 2006 proceeding on schedule. TPC is complete on Advanced Program.</li><li>• The Flexible Packaging Division co-sponsored the NTF at ANTEC 2006.</li><li>• The FPD co-sponsored a Spanish speaking seminar at NPE with B2B Portales.</li><li>• The first on-line elections for open FP Div Board of Directors position is underway. 4 open positions to be filled September.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worked with B&amp;P to draft Bylaws amendments to restore their position as a standing committee</li><li>• The first committee to draft in the new format a policy describing their committee for review by EC in September</li><li>• Training session in application process conducted via teleconference by Tricia McKnight for all interested SPE members. Recommend that this presentation be repeated at Council in September</li></ul>

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- Considered increasing the honoraria for awards, but chose to leave them the same for 2007
- EPSDIV will contribute \$2500 toward the International Award
- Medical Plastics is considering full sponsorship of the Hyatt Award
- The Plastics Product Design Awards will now be sent to ANTEC for display and judging. May add a "People's Choice" award based on votes by ANTEC show attendees.
- Sent out the call for nominations, including timeline and criteria
- New Section website up and running
- First Section meeting of the new season to be a tour of the Nypro University Training Center on 9/14

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Automotive continues to sponsor annual Composites TopCon
This is one that I need to make contact and begin communication.
Detroit just getting back after summer break but Detroit is somewhat self-sustaining and will continue to be an exemplary section. I have met with their BOD last year, and they are second to none others I have seen.
Jamal El-Hibri, So. Sec. Councilor gave presentation that I intend to share at our ExCom meeting in Pittsburg. This presentation was to a SPE Pacific Rim Technical Conference in Seoul in June.
I intend to visit with the section in the upcoming months. I have attended their meetings in the past at Southern Miss. Univ. I must develop more information of leadership unless Tricia McKnight has this.
Seminars Committee has a new evaluation form and format for evaluating all seminar presenters. This I will share with ExCom in Pittsburg.
Southern Section has completed the biggest part of their preparation in conjunction with the Vinyl Division for VinylTech 2007 to be held in Atlanta in October.
I met with the TN Valley BOD and officers in August in Nashville. I made a presentation concerning Pinnacle and the fact that I feel they are a potential candidate for this program.
Toledo is another section that has been hard to reach over summer; I intend to begin communications with them now that the fall program has begun.
Bill Arendt, Vinyl Division, and Bill Thielemann, Southern Section, have worked well together to develop the theme, program, and logistics of VinylTech 2007 to be held soon in Atlanta.





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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conference Committee is holding regular teleconferences and moving toward objectives in Operating Plan.</li><li>• Conducted conference call with G. Grudzinski and L. Kyle to discuss Conference Committee input and support for development of international conference opportunities.</li><li>• In process of redesigning TopCon submission paperwork and approval process/communication.</li></ul>
Nothing to Report
Nothing to Report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Budget proposal approved by EC. Current proposal returns a net of \$115k to the organization for 2007.</li><li>• Held web presentation on Thursday (9/7) with limited participation but strong support for budget proposal.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Division continues to meet regularly with member communication improving through newsletter(s).</li><li>• Division working with staff to evaluate International Award sponsorship opportunities or other SPE Foundation contributions.</li><li>• Team is meeting regularly and will finalize plans for ANTEC 2007 at Council meeting in Pittsburgh.</li></ul>
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We are conducting Corporate Outreach efforts to encourage corporations to support membership and member participations and to find ways for corporations to increase their participation in and the value they get from SPE.
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The SPE Foundation, with its full board of trustees, has kicked off its Annual Campaign. The Past Presidents were the first to be contacted, and the Executive Committee and SPE Leaders will be contacted shortly. The focus of the campaign is to raise funds to support expansion of SPE's online technical library.
The Technical Advisory Board met at ANTEC and gave us meaningful feedback on a number of initiatives, including the corporate outreach program, the international growth activities, and the "learning tree" map of member needs. They prioritized topical areas on which SPE should focus and establish leadership.
Nothing to Report

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The IC has several new voting members that will take on responsibilities for reporting SPE activity around the globe. We will compile these reports into a newsletter and copy every Chairmen/President and Councillor of each Division and Section, EC and staff. Currently the main focus is still in growing India with a global conference in December, partnering with some industry group's) in Mexico, establishing a presence in China, continuing to assist SPE Europe in development of Divisions and supporting Sections (strong team effort here), and several other projects which include Taiwan, Japan, Australia, Jordan, Latin America, and Africa.
They are to hold a conference on Colour and additives on 14/15th March 2007 in Luxemburg
The are holding Student award ceremony at the meeting in Eindhoven Netherlands in Sept
They are celebrating their 20th Anniversary on 1st September 2006
Now officially registered, arranging new award scheme for students in Europe in conjunction with Benelux and UK. Pinnacle award to be promoted and try to get various sections and divisions applying for the award. Have received confirmation of the European trademark for the word PLASTIBUS which is the European equivalent of PlastiVan.
2006 Conference great success, 2008 venue to be announced in Oct, First issue of their newsletter went out in the summer and next edition due in December/January. Started new membership drive with all board members to achieve a minimum of 2 new members in the following year
SPE Europe will be sending out a letter to each member to restart the French section
No response at present
Have set themselves a target of achieving a 40% increase in membership over the next 2 years, to obtain this growth they are hold a various activities including a one day conference in March 2007
SPE will provide speakers for their November meetings, Dan Cycana and Ken Braney will support
They will hold a conference at Husky in Luxemburg 26th October 2006
This is a non active section, we will be in discussion with the local members to see how to reactivate
Thermoforming Division have had a very successful year and from their last conference revenues they have donated a large cheque to SPE. A number of board members attended the European Thermoforming conference in Salzburg Austria in March 2006 and it continues the strong bond between the two divisions. Thermoforming Division have purchased a new PlastiVan and their upcoming conference in Nashville is expected to be one of the best ever. This is being held from 17th to 20th of September 2006.
Are building to the magical 35 members to become official, 2 more meeting planned for 2006
Are working with the ECC and Benelux to amalgamate their two student awards, sponsorship is promised by Bayer. They need more volunteers for their committee

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They have now held two meetings, a board has been appointed and they have the necessary numbers so it is hoped to present their request for divisional status at Pittsburgh

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Planning to present a seminar and help with October monthly section meeting.
Nothing to Report
On schedule to hold review meeting at Sept Council weekend.
Nothing to Report
Continue to manage necessary activities together with Ruth Carpenter.
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Assisting Gerry McNally as needed to spin up the Medical Polymer Division - Europe.

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Bill will report during Council Meeting
Extrusion Division provided a 1 day technical session at the Thermoforming Conference in Nashville
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I will be speaking at the October 4th Section Meeting technical program
Nothing to Report

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No contact yet
Attended summer planning meetings - great year planned - joint meetings planned with Piedmont-Coastal and Virginia Sections - Had to cancel Color and Appearance Minitec at the annual Beach meeting due to lack of attendees; changing the date to Labor Day weekend due to it being an NPE year had an obvious effect on participation - agreed to pursue Pinnacle this year
Had to cancel their Minitec at the annual Carolinas Section Beach meeting due to lack of attendees; changing the date to Labor Day weekend due to it being an NPE year had an obvious effect on participation - 2006 Retec "Back to Basics" is being held this month - 2007 TopCon "Innovations in Color & Appearance" & 2008 TopCon "Coloring into the Next Decade" have been approved by Conference Committee - agreed to pursue Pinnacle again this year
This Division is doing great as usual - ACCE 2006 is next week in MI - ACCE 2007 will be in Toronto with the Toronto Section - they have agreed to pursue Pinnacle this year
Planning to meet with committee in Pittsburgh
No contact yet
Good year planned - solid events planned through end of 2006 - agreed to pursue Pinnacle this year
Attended summer planning meetings - great year planned - joint meetings planned with Carolinas and Virginia Sections - agreed to pursue Pinnacle this year
Attended summer planning meeting - not much planning - seems to be a Techmer PM company social club - agreed to pursue Pinnacle this year
no contact yet
Attended summer planning meetings - great year planned - joint meetings planned with Carolinas and Piedmont-Coastal Sections - agreed to pursue Pinnacle this year



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Nothing to report
Wheels are turning preparing for the ABC in Troy, MI on Oct 11 & 12
Barb and I traveled to Columbus and met with Dave Mullinex, John Gibson and Don Witenhafer to discuss how the COSPE section can reorganize and try to get this section back into full force.
Nothing to report
Nothing to report
Preparing for trip to Conference in Mumbai on Dec. 8&9 where I will be a keynote speaker and also give a technical presentation.
Preparing to visit on 12/5 and speak on new trends in the plastics industry at their monthly meeting
Preparing to speak at the Section meeting on the evening of 9/28
Nothing to report

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Nothing to report
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section membership continues to grow, thanks to active seminar program/recent tradeshow</li> <li>• Number os seminars presented with other industry groups is growing</li> <li>• Attracting younger members continues to be an issue</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Past President's meeting October 4th - 60th NY celebration</li> <li>• Joint meeting with BCC scheduled January</li> <li>• Membership (195 members) slightly down; Sept. 6th general meeting good attendance; looking for new ways to increase attendance</li> </ul>
Accomplished financial forecasts; joint golf outing with Palisades and joint meetings with Lehigh Valley; in process of legal name change of section, altering trust fund and setting new BOD
Our main issue is the same as the SPE in general. Declining membership and attendance at meetings. Anything Hdqts. Can do to help will be appreciated. We have changed mtg. venue to cut cost and have instituted and incentive program to try to increase attendance. Also, we are trying to improve our interaction with our student chapters at NJIT and RPI. Lastly we have begun planning for Vinyltech 2007.
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TOPCON 2007 mid-2007

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- The task force is focusing on goal #2, evaluating SPE member segmentation and benefits. The team has decided to conduct phone interviews to help SPE better understand the value perceptions and needs of its members.
- The phone interviews will be conducted by the six members of the task force and SPE's marketing consultant.
- SPE members were chosen at random to form a representative sample of the membership. A total of 15-20 interviews will be conducted.
- An interview guide was developed and distributed to task force members.
- Calls should be completed by September 22nd so the task force can meet during council to review the results of the call.
- The goal of the calls is to use the data collected to help shape the content and format of a members needs survey.